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PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL ASCENDED INTO THE TERRIFYING RED ONSLAUGHT AND SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO THE SKULL ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS.



OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST-DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME RED ONSLAUGHT: SCARLET WITCH AND DOCTOR DOOM USED THEIR MAGICAL ABILITIES TO SUBVERT RED SKULL'S CONSCIOUSNESS AND BRING XAVIER TO THE FORE. BLANKETING GENOSHA IN THEIR SPELL, THE RED SKULL WAS RENDERED DORMANT.

IN THE WAKE OF GENOSHA, THE AVENGERS WHO WERE PRESENT ANGRILY CUT TIES WITH S.H.I.E.L.D. AND THEN IMPRISONED MOST OF THE WORLD'S REMAINING HEROES. THE AVENGERS AND X-MEN SPLIT BITTERLY OVER THE AVENGERS' UNILATERAL DECISION TO IMPRISON THE PASSIVE RED SKULL. TONY STARK RELEASED THE UNSTABLE EXTREMIS AS A CONSUMER PRODUCT. APOCALYPSE, NOW LEADING THE X-MEN, LANDED HIS SHIP IN MANHATTAN AND DECLARED WAR AGAINST HUMANKIND. MEANWHILE, THE VILLAINS PRESENT HAVE BEEN COMMITTING ACTS OF HERDISM...

AWAKENED LIKE US



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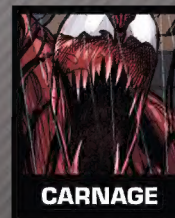
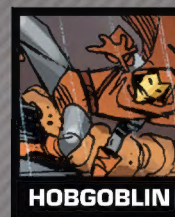
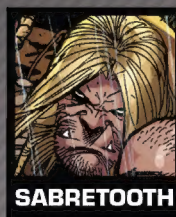
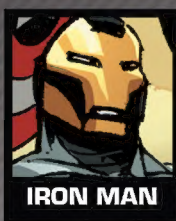
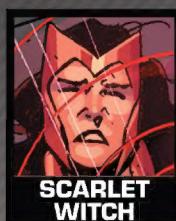
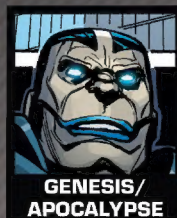
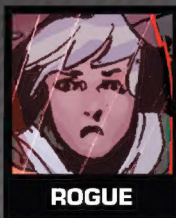
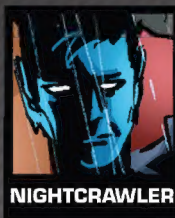
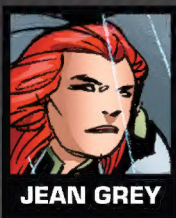
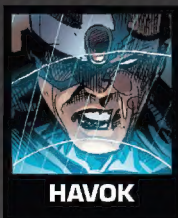
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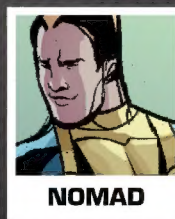
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INVERTED HEROES & VILLAINS



HEROES



HUMANS
OF EARTH--I AM

APOCALYPSE.

HEED MY
WORDS, FOR THIS
IS YOUR LAST
WARNING.

IN THE PAST WEEK
WE HAVE EJECTED
COUNTLESS ARMED
FORCES ATTEMPTING
TO RECLAIM THE NEW
MUTANT CAPITAL,
MANHATTAN.

THERE HAVE BEEN
NO CASUALTIES UP
UNTIL THIS POINT, BUT
AS OF TODAY THAT
ENDS.

WE WILL NO
LONGER EXPEL YOUR
ARMIES--MY X-MEN
WILL SLAUGHTER
THEM OUTRIGHT.

MANHATTAN
IS OURS--BE
GRATEFUL IT
IS ALL WE'VE
TAKEN.

WHAT WE TAKE,
HOW SOON WE
TAKE IT, HOW MANY
LIVES ARE LOST--

THIS DEPENDS
ON HOW WELL
YOU LISTEN.

THE MUTANT
NATION IS
BORN.

NO LONGER
WILLING TO STAND
BY AS YOU DICTATE
OUR FATE TO US.

WE WILL NO LONGER
GENUFLECT, PATIENTLY HOPING
FOR PEACEFUL COHABITATION
WITH YOU SAVAGE
MONGRELS.

WE ARE
SIMPLY TAKING
OUR PIECE.

THE QUESTION
ISN'T IF WE WILL WIN
THIS WAR--THE QUESTION
BEFORE YOU, AFTER SUCH
GRAVE MISTREATMENT
OF MUTANTKIND--



"--IS CAN YOU PERSUADE US TO LEAVE ANY OF YOU ALIVE?"

HOW WAS THE BROADCAST RECEIVED, HAVOK?

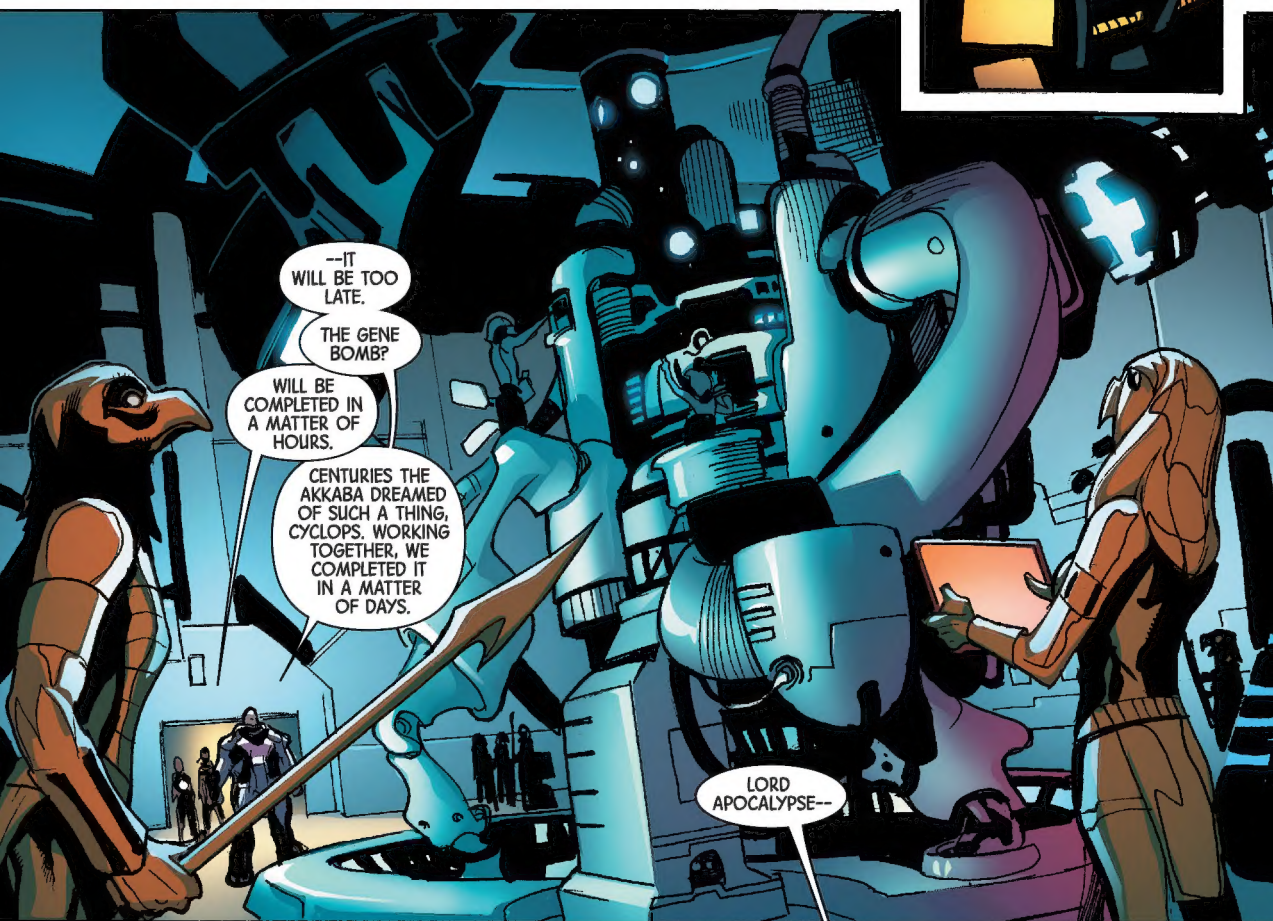
NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS AT NEGOTIATIONS FROM THE PRESIDENT, OTHER WORLD LEADERS.

LET THEM SOAK IN TERROR.



WITH NO AVENGERS, THEY WON'T RISK A FURTHER ESCALATION-- NOT SOON.

BY THE TIME THEY FIND THEIR NERVE--



--IT WILL BE TOO LATE.

THE GENE BOMB?

WILL BE COMPLETED IN A MATTER OF HOURS.

CENTURIES THE AKKABA DREAMED OF SUCH A THING, CYCLOPS. WORKING TOGETHER, WE COMPLETED IT IN A MATTER OF DAYS.

LORD APOCALYPSE--



--THERE'S A MATTER THAT DEMANDS YOUR ATTENTION.

A LONE INTRUDER.

WHO WOULD BE SO STUPID?



MYSTIQUE. SHE MUST HAVE SNUCK PAST OUR PERIMETER GUARDS.

SHE'S OUT FRONT, DEMANDING COUNSEL.

THEN SHE WILL HAVE IT...



"...I KNOW PRECISELY THE AMBASSADORS TO SEND."

X-MEN--THE ROAD YOU WALK WILL LEAD ONLY TO RUIN!

A WAR THAT WILL BURN THE WORLD DOWN!

PLEASE HEAR ME!



WE'VE HEARD QUITE ENOUGH FROM YOU.

KURT'S RIGHT, "MOM."



WHY DO YOU WISH TO STOP US?

WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED ALL YOU DREAMED OF-- THAT WHICH YOU WERE INCAPABLE OF.

I DID NOT COME HERE FOR A FIGHT, CHILDREN.



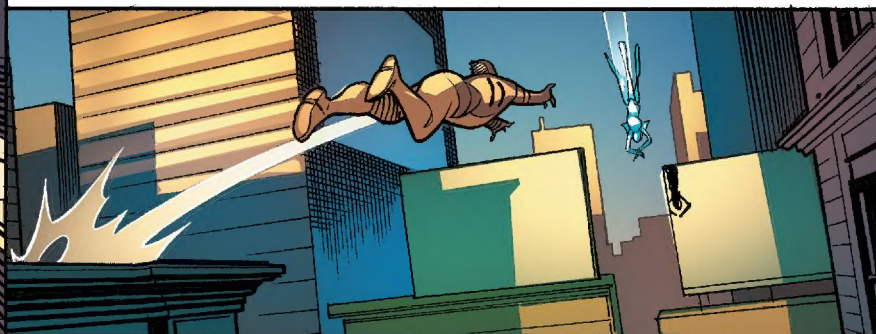
I CAME ONLY TO TALK.

YA HEAR THAT, KURT? SHE WANTS TO TALK.

CAN'T BE THE SAME WOMAN WHO RAISED YOU TO JOIN THE BROTHERHOOD OF EVIL MUTANTS AND ABANDONED ME TO DEATH, ROGUE.



NO ROOM FOR
PEACENIKS IN
OUR CLUB.



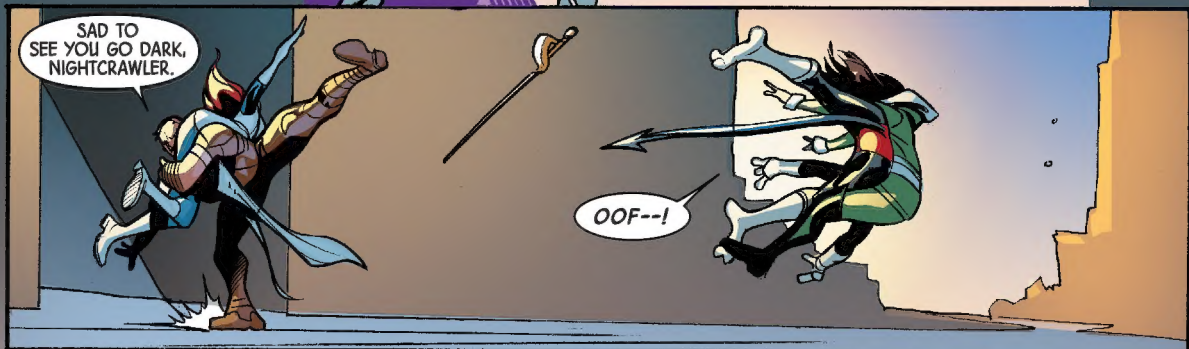
THEY'VE
GONE MAD,
CREED--

YOU DON'T
KNOW THE
HALF OF IT.



GROOOOM!





"HE'S USING THE MORLOCK TUNNELS TO HIDE FROM US."

NO, NO, I'M NOT TAKING PUBLIC OFFERING, YOU DELIGHTFUL GIRL.

SAN FRANCISCO.
THE NEW HEADQUARTERS
OF STARK INDUSTRIES.

THE PEOPLE OF SAN FRANCISCO HAVE VOTED--THE EXTREMIS APP IS A HIT. IT'S GOING TO BE WORTH MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, WELL, *EVER!*

I LOVE IT, MR. STARK. I'VE NEVER LOOKED BETTER.

I SET MY PAYMENTS TO AUTOMATIC.

WORTH EVERY PENNY.

SEE, I'M A SMART DEALER--FIRST TASTE FOR FREE.

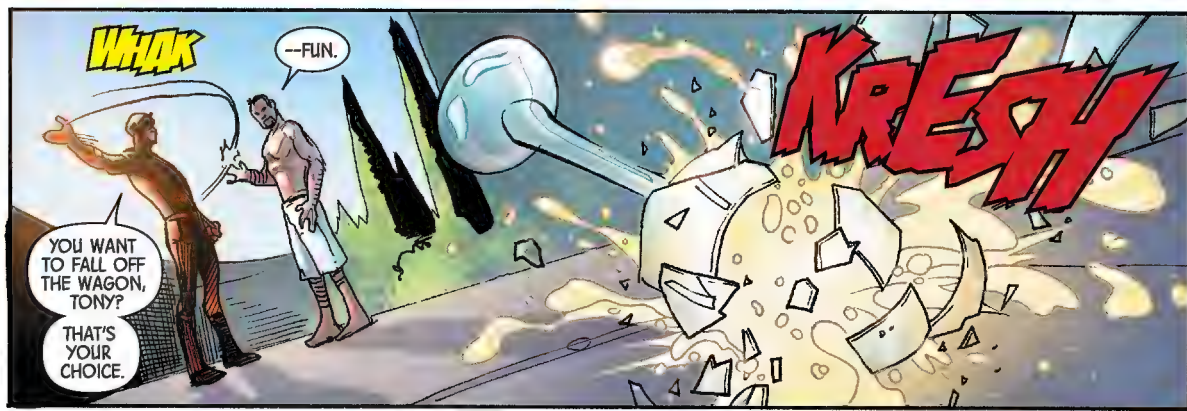
PUBLIC'S HOOKED--NOW THE REAL MONEY--
IN APP PURCHASES.

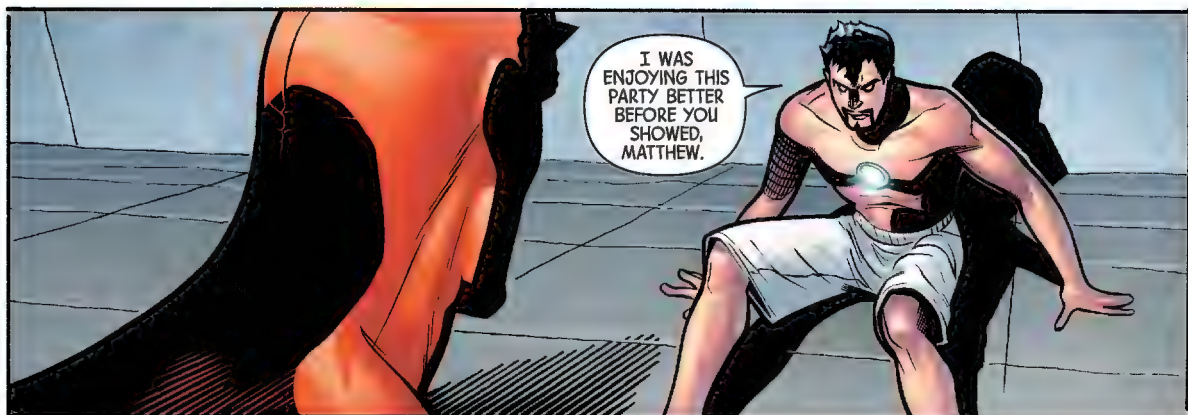
UH-HUH.

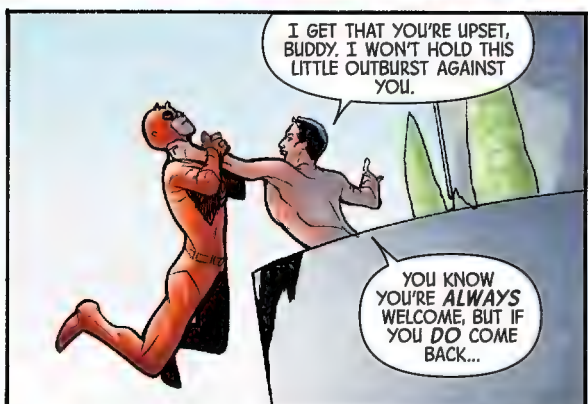
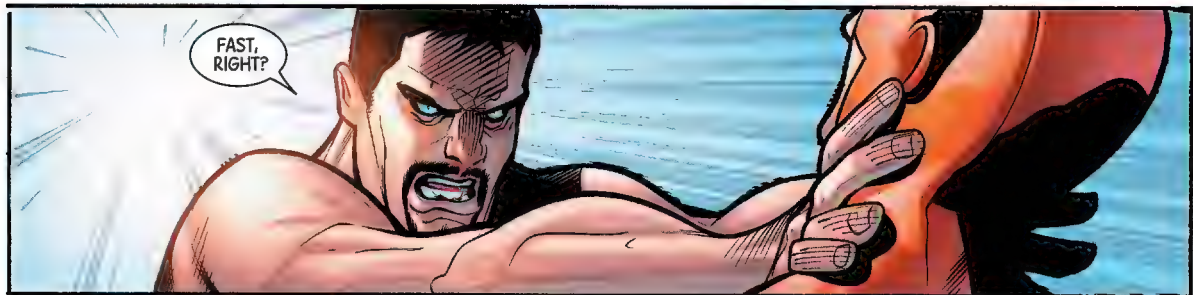
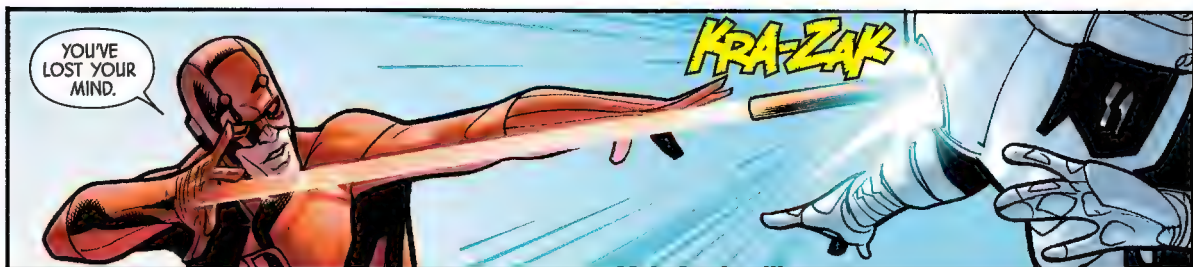
OH, LOOK--
I'M BORING YOU.

AND YOUR IDIOT SHIRT IS KILLING MY BUZZ--
SO OFF YOU GO.

GOT SOME BAD NEWS, STARK--







LATVERIA.

I HAVE DONE
MY UTMOST TO
GUIDE LATVERIA TO
A **BRIGHTER**
TOMORROW.

A LIE I HAVE
TOLD MYSELF
MY ENTIRE
LIFE.

I HAVE
USED THIS
NATION.

EXPLOITED
HER RESOURCES
FOR MY
PURPOSES.

IMPERILED
HER. YOU
ALL.

THAT IS
CHANGING.

THE BURDEN
OF A GREAT
BLEAKNESS IN
MY SOUL IS
GONE.

AND THE EGOTISM
THAT DROVE ME
WITH IT.

I AM
NOT ABOVE
YOU.

I AM FLAWED
AND IMPERFECT,
AND UNDER THE
EYES OF GOD--
MERELY A MAN.

I AM DONE
HIDING.

LOOK UPON MY
TRUE FACE AND
SEE IN IT YOUR
BROTHER.

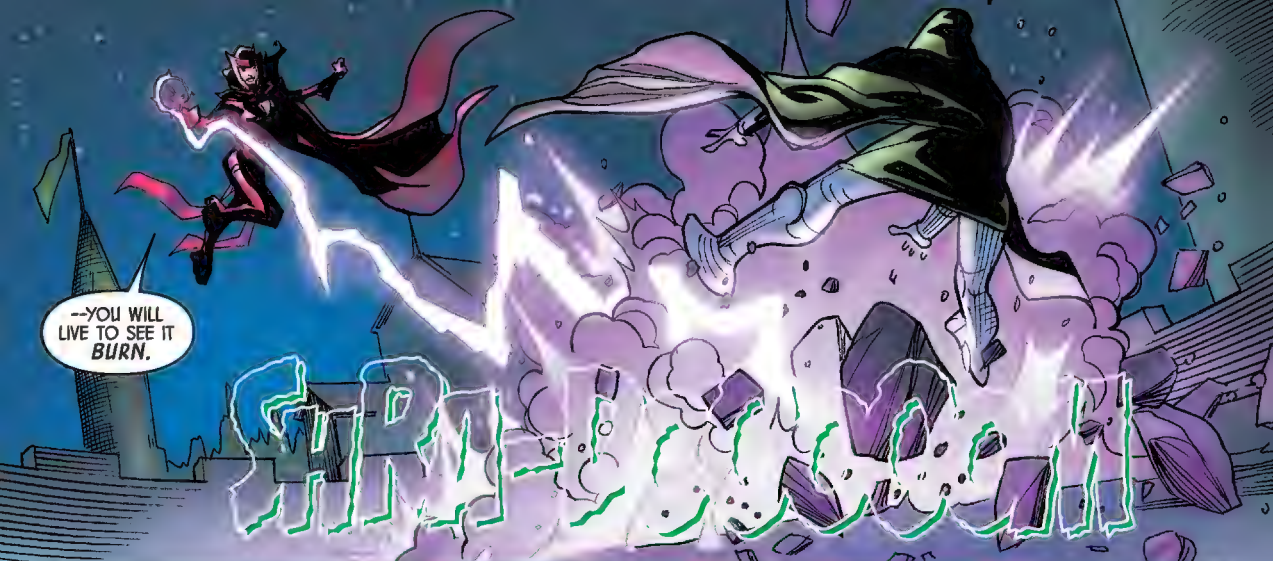
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LATVERIA
HENCEFORTH IS A
DEMOCRACY.

IF LATVERIA
IS WHAT YOU
LOVE MOST--



--YOU WILL
LIVE TO SEE IT
BURN.

CRASH



YOU
USED
ME.
MANIPULATED
MY POWERS.
TURNED
THE WORLD
AGAINST
ME!

BOOM



I SEEK REDEMPTION,
WITCH--BUT I WILL
NOT BE LYING
DOWN!

ZAKOOOM



REDEMPTION?
SO IT IS
PENANCE YOU
SEEK? TO PAY
FOR YOUR
CRIMES?
IF THAT
IS YOUR
WISH...



...I CAN BE
ACCOMMODATING.
WOULD YOU
IMPERIL YOURSELF
TO SAVE YOUR
DENIZENS,
DOOM?

DON'T--!



YEARS OF MY LIFE
HUNTED AND DESPISED
BY THE MUTANTS!

YEARS IN HIDING--
BLAMED FOR THEIR
DECLINE.

GHAGH--!



YOU WILL
REGRET USING
ME AS YOUR
PROXY!

YERAGH--!

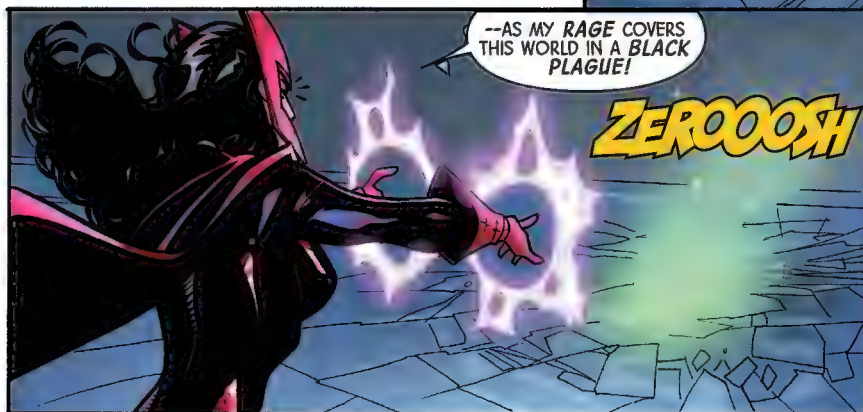


KRADOOM



YOU WILL BE
DEAD, BUT YOUR
SOUL WILL REMAIN
IMPRISONED FOR
ETERNITY.

ETERNITY
WATCHING--



--AS MY RAGE COVERS
THIS WORLD IN A BLACK
PLAGUE!

ZEROOOSH



HE'S GONE?!
WHO DARES
INTERFERE?!



OKAY, I DID IT.

I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE WHY I DID IT, BUT I DID IT.

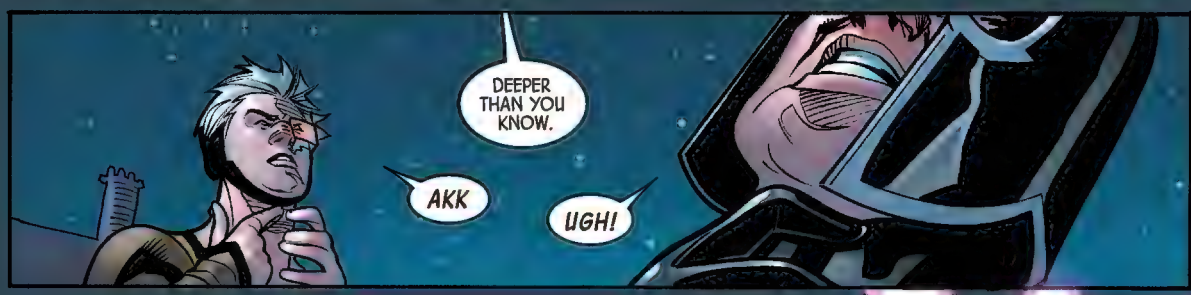
WE CAN'T ALLOW YOUR SISTER TO KILL DOOM, PIETRO. SHE'D NEVER RECOVER FROM IT.



WHERE IS WANDA?

THE LAND OF FURIOUS SUPER EVIL.

WHATEVER'S POSSESSED HER, IT'S NO GOOD AND IT'S DOWN DEEP.



DEEPER THAN YOU KNOW.

AKK

UGH!



YOU HAVE MADE THE LAST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIVES IN STANDING WITH THIS FILTH.



BUT WHAT ELSE COULD I EXPECT FROM MY "FAMILY"?

LAS VEGAS.

THE SHIRTLESS GENTLEMAN WINS AGAIN!

HMMH

Snake Eyes,
Lucky Snake
Eyes!

I'VE
SEEN THIS
GAME BEFORE,
BROTHER...

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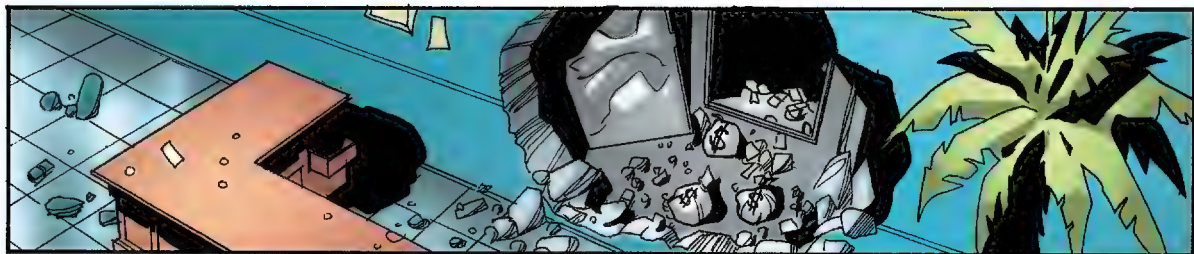
...I THINK THEY'RE
LETTING YOU WIN.

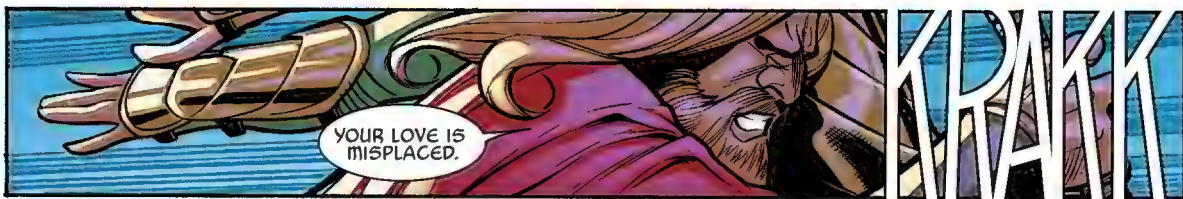
AND I THINK
IT MIGHT HAVE
SOMETHING TO
DO WITH THAT
MASSIVE AXE
RESTING ON
THE TABLE.

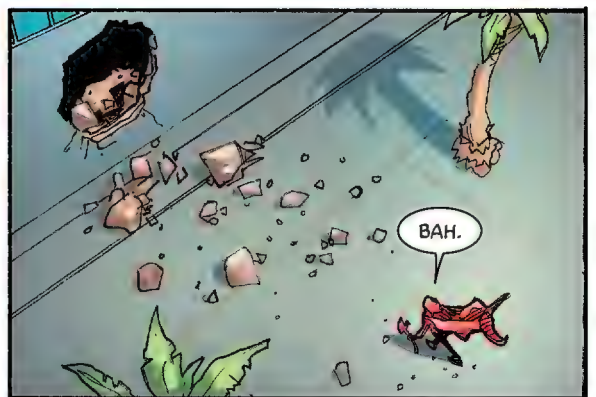
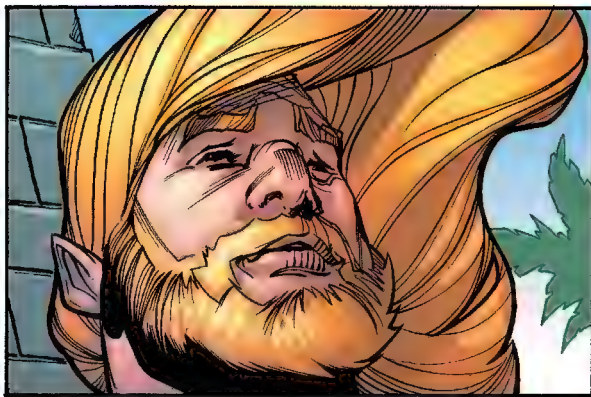
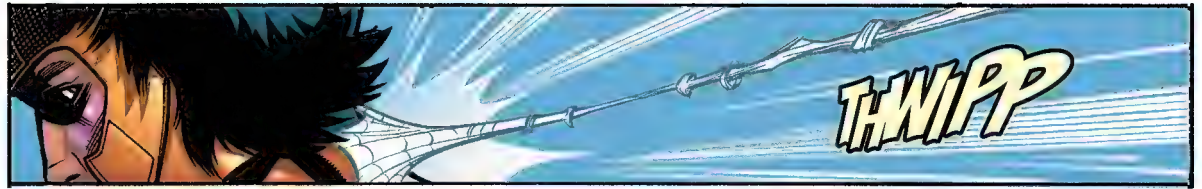
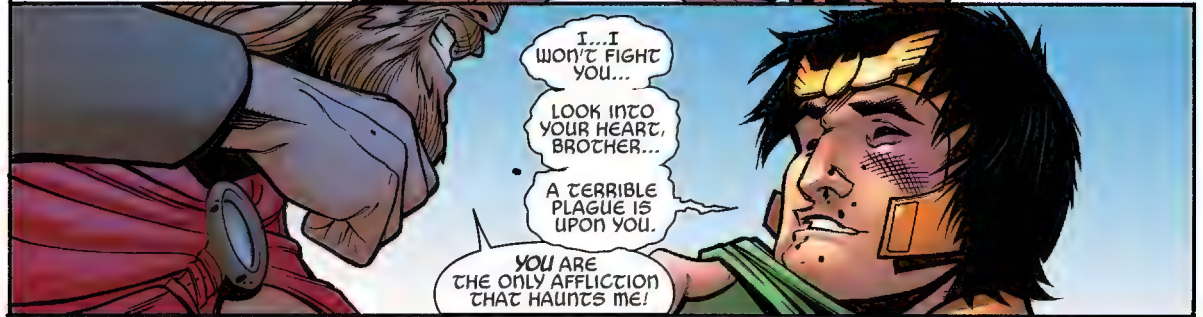
BEGONE,
LOKI.

YOU'VE DONE
FAIRLY WELL FOR
YOURSELF.

WHERE DID
YOU GET THE
MONEY FOR
SUCH A LARGE
WAGER, DEAR
BROTHER?







AVENGERS MANSION.

WE
HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING!

THEY'VE
ALL GONE
EXTREMELY
CRAZY!

I'VE GONE
EXTREMELY
CRAZY.

I JUST
TOLD MY
BROTHER I
LOVE HIM...

I SHUDDER
TO THINK
ABOUT THE
REPERCUSSIONS
OF THAT
MANEUVER.

WILL ONE OF YOU
PLEASE TELL ME
WHAT IS GOING
ON?!

THE AVENGERS
HAVE ALL GONE
LOCO, THE X-MEN
HAVE TAKEN OVER
NEW YORK, AND
EVERY OTHER HERO
ON EARTH HAS BEEN
SHRUNKEN TO
SUBATOMIC SIZE
AND IMPRISONED.

SO,
YOU KNOW,
TUESDAY.

SO, WE'RE IT?
WE'VE GOT NO
ONE LEFT TO HELP
US STOP THE
X-MEN AND THE
AVENGERS?

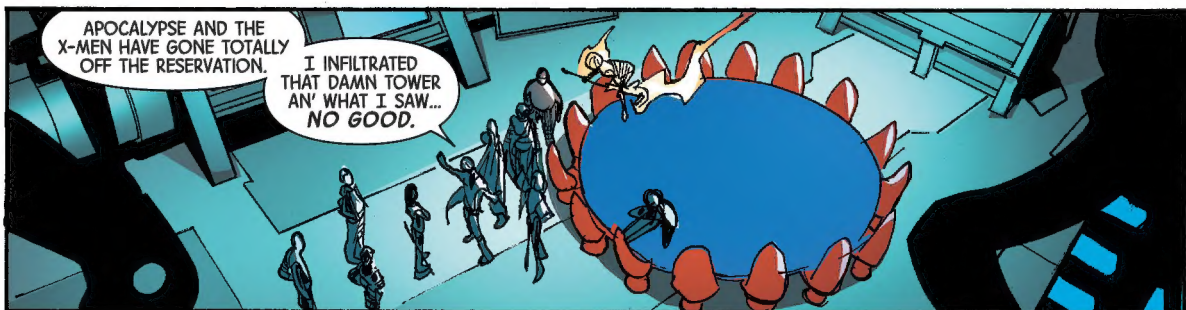
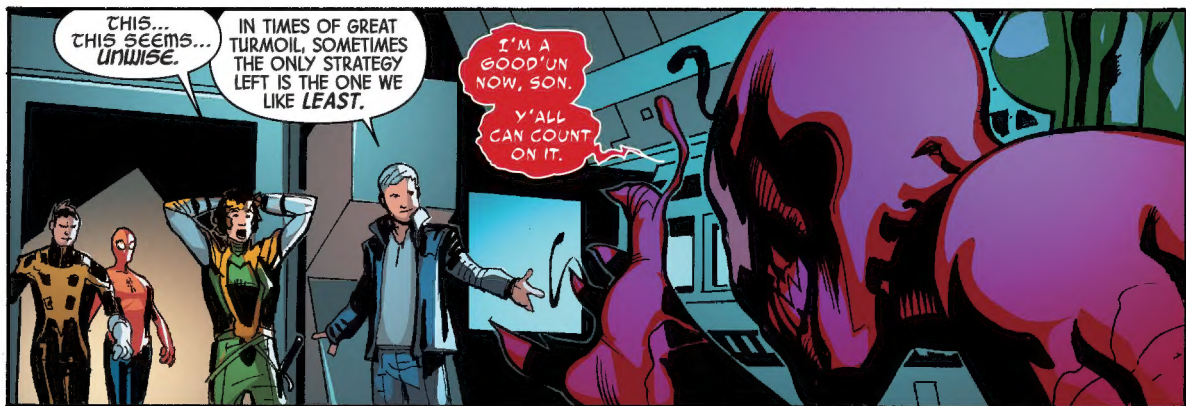
THAT'S NOT
ENTIRELY TRUE,
LOKI. THERE
WERE OTHERS ON
GENOSHA--THE ONES
YOU ARRIVED
WITH--

THE
INVERSION
HIT THEM
AS WELL.

ARE YOU
SUGGESTING WE
BRING TOGETHER ALL
OF THE VILLAINS WHO
WERE ON GENOSHA
TO FORM A NEW
AVENGERS?

NO...





AXIS

NEXT ISSUE:



AVENGERS & X-MEN: AXIS #7

AXIS

AXIS

BECAUSE ONE GOOD TURN
DESERVES ANOTHER...

MAKE SURE TO CATCH EVERY TWIST OF
AVENGERS & X-MEN: AXIS

AXIS: REVOLUTIONS #2



Heroes gone bad!
Villains gone good!

AXIS: HOBGOBLIN #2



Hobgoblin vs. Hobgoblin?!

AXIS: CARNAGE #2



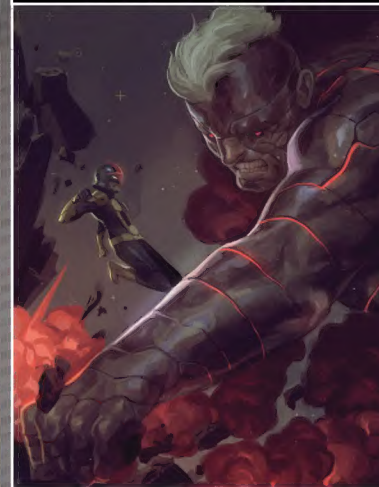
Being a hero ain't easy, especially
when you're a complete
psychopath like Carnage!

WOLVERINE & THE X-MEN #12



Storm throws down at the
Hellfire Club?!

NOVA #23 & #24



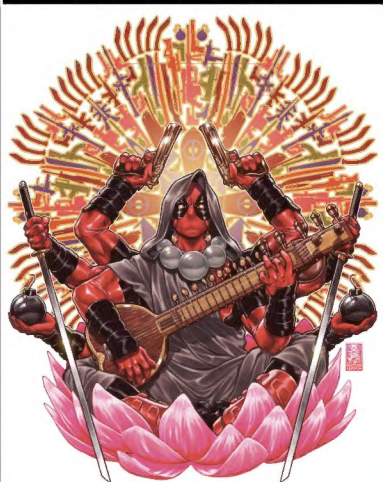
It's Nova vs. Kluh, the inverted
Hulk! Things aren't going to go
well for Sam!

AVENGERS WORLD #15



An Avengers team...recruited by
DR. DOOM? To what end???

DEADPOOL #37



Deadpool has sworn off violence!
How will that help him take on
the evil X-Men?

ALL-NEW X-FACTOR #16



X-Factor saves the world from
nuclear war and from a
Sentinel attack – or do they?!

MAGNETO #12



Magneto and Xavier:
Two sides of the same coin?

CAPTAIN AMERICA & THE MIGHTY AVENGERS #1 & #2



Will the inversion of Captain
America and Luke Cage spell the
end of the Mighty Avengers?

SUPERIOR IRON MAN #1 & #2



Tony Stark is a new man and now
he's going to change the world...
at a terrible cost!

LOKI: AGENT OF ASGARD #8



Loki's a hero now?! Probably not,
but don't tell his friends that!

AXIS